

(Pub. L. 106-553, §1(a)(2) [title II, §210], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2762, 2762A-79.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Marine Sanctuaries Act, referred to in subsec. (e), is title III of Pub. L. 92-532, Oct. 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 1061, as amended, which is classified generally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1431 of this title and Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

For similar provisions relating to the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program, see section 1445c of this title.

Section was enacted as part of the Department of Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, and also as part of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, and not as part of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act which comprises this chapter.

### CHAPTER 32A—REGIONAL MARINE RESEARCH PROGRAMS

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#### § 1447. Purposes

The purpose of this chapter is to establish regional research programs, under effective Federal oversight, to—

- (1) set priorities for regional marine and coastal research in support of efforts to safeguard the water quality and ecosystem health of each region; and
- (2) carry out such research through grants and improved coordination.

(Pub. L. 92-532, title IV, §401, as added Pub. L. 101-593, title III, §301, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2963.)

#### § 1447a. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term—

- (1) “Board” means any Regional Marine Research board<sup>1</sup> established pursuant to section 1447b(a) of this title;
- (2) “Federal agency” means any department, agency, or other instrumentality of the Federal Government, including any independent agency or establishment of the Federal Government and any government corporation;
- (3) “local government” means any city, town, borough, county, parish, district, or other public body which is a political subdivision of a State and which is created pursuant to State law;
- (4) “marine and coastal waters” means estuaries, waters of the estuarine zone, including wetlands, any other waters seaward of the historic height of tidal influence, the territorial seas, the contiguous zone, and the ocean;
- (5) “nonprofit organization” means any organization, association, or institution described in section 501(c)(3) of title 26 which is

exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(a) of title 26;

(6) “region” means 1 of the 9 regions described in section 1447b(a) of this title; and

(7) “State” means a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(Pub. L. 92-532, title IV, §402, as added Pub. L. 101-593, title III, §301, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2963.)

#### TERRITORIAL SEA AND CONTIGUOUS ZONE OF UNITED STATES

For extension of territorial sea and contiguous zone of United States, see Proc. No. 5928 and Proc. No. 7219, respectively, set out as notes under section 1331 of Title 43, Public Lands.

#### § 1447b. Regional Marine Research Boards

##### (a) Establishment

A Regional Marine Research board<sup>1</sup> shall be established for each of the following regions:

(1) the Gulf of Maine region, comprised of the marine and coastal waters off the State of Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts (north of Cape Cod);

(2) the greater New York bight region, comprised of the marine and coastal waters off the States of Massachusetts (south of Cape Cod), Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey, from Cape Cod to Cape May;

(3) the mid-Atlantic region, comprised of the marine and coastal waters off the States of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, from Cape May to Cape Fear;

(4) the South Atlantic region, comprised of the marine and coastal waters off the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, from Cape Fear to the Florida Keys, including the marine and coastal waters off Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands;

(5) the Gulf of Mexico region, comprised of the marine and coastal waters off the States of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, along the Gulf coast from the Florida Keys to the Mexican border;

(6) the California region, comprised of the marine and coastal waters off the State of California, from Point Reyes to the Mexican border;

(7) the North Pacific region, comprised of the marine and coastal waters off the States of California, Oregon, and Washington, from Point Reyes to the Canadian border;

(8) the Alaska region, comprised of the marine and coastal waters off the State of Alaska; and

(9) insular Pacific region, comprised of the marine and coastal waters off the State of Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Great Lakes Research Office authorized under section 1268(d) of title 33 shall be responsible for research in the Great Lakes region and

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